A DATABASE SYSTEM FOR PREDICTIVE CELLULAR BIOINFORMATICS

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A system for acquiring knowledge from cellular information. The system has a database comprising a database management module ("DBMS"). The system also has a variety of modules, including a population module coupled to the DBMS for categorizing and storing a plurality of features (e.g., cell size, distance between cells, cell population, cell type) from an image acquisition device into the database. The system has a translation module coupled to the DBMS for defining a descriptor from a set of selected features from the plurality of features. In a specific embodiment, the descriptor is for a known or unknown compound, e.g., drug. A prediction module is coupled to the DBMS for selecting one of a plurality of a descriptors from known and unknown compounds from the database based upon a selected descriptor from a selected compound. The selected compound may be one that is useful for treatment of human beings or the like.